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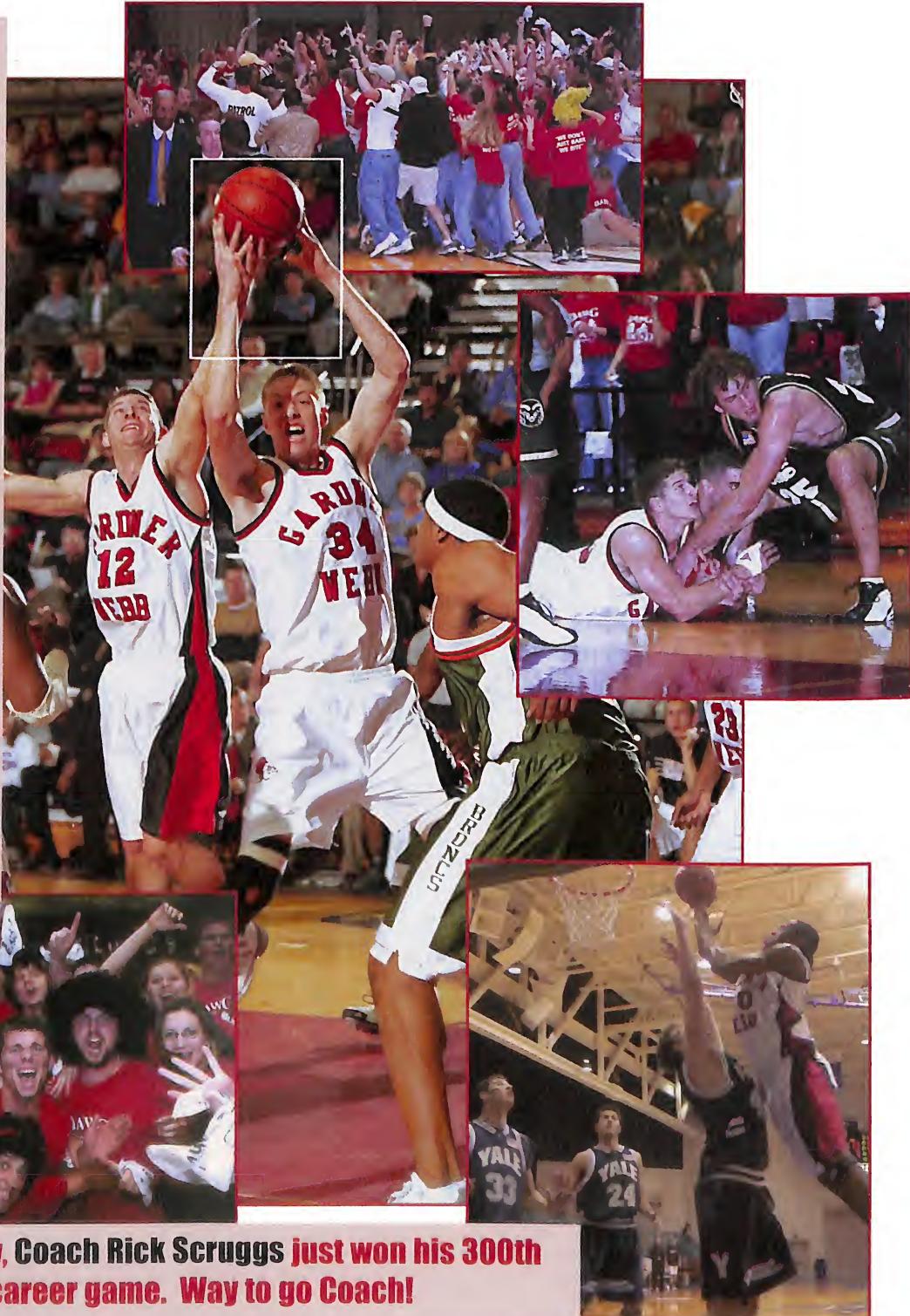
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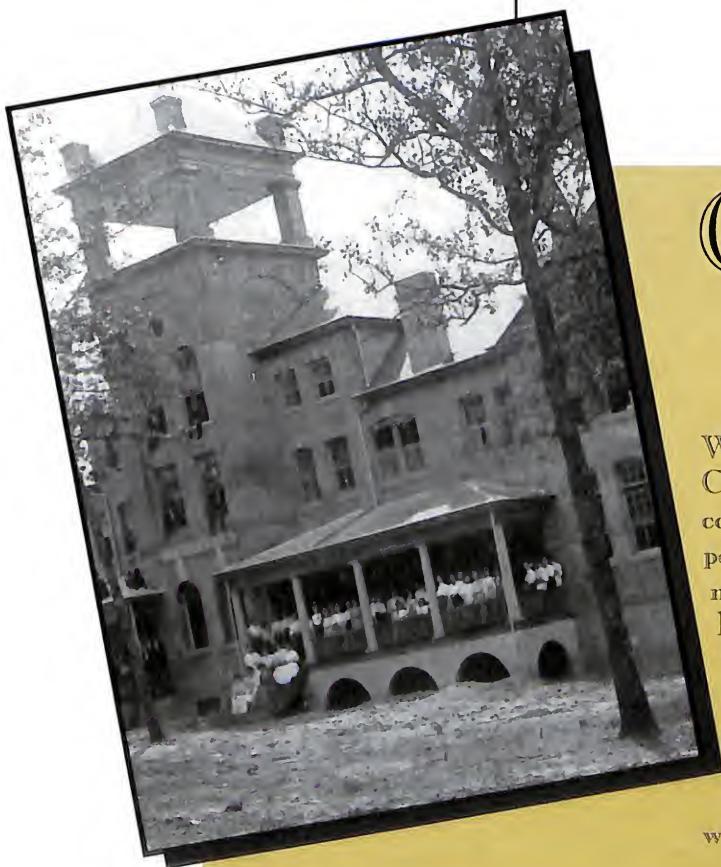
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# GWU Centennial: 1905-2005

With the unveiling of the Gardner-Webb University Centennial logo this semester, a 36-month countdown begins to remember and reflect on the personalities, the events, the teams and the faith that make this institution one of rich tradition and legacy. Kicking off that countdown is a special section found in the first pages of this magazine. It is by no means an all-inclusive retrospective of a century's worth of memories, but serves as a collection of images, stories and facts that will inform some and, no doubt, spark forgotten stories in others. Join us as we embrace ten decades of Christian higher education.



# 1905 - 1924

***The Tradition Begins*** – It was a Baptist idea from the beginning ... create a place where the educational needs of local teens could be met within a caring, Christian environment. Two local Baptist associations started what would become Boiling Springs High School from scratch. Little money. One building. Faith in God.

Could anyone have seen what the 20th century would hold for the school? A town that had been known for the “special” waters that poured forth from its belly would begin its journey toward a reputation of welcoming those who were searching to impact the world through service-oriented professions.

The Main Building, as it was known, was the lunchroom, the teaching facility and the dorm (for the girls). The only other structure to grace the grounds was “The Barn,” where the male students stayed. The venerable building would be renamed the Huggins-Curtis Building in honor of J.D. Huggins, the school’s first principal, and Mrs. Etta Curtis, the longtime dean of women.

The institution, which is four years older than the incorporated town of Boiling Springs, was born of a need and a strong belief in Christian education, and the early years indeed were marked by faith. Often the trustees and supporting Baptist associations struggled and prayed that the school they had founded would be strong academically in a Christian environment, but at times the trustees found it financially impossible to contract with teachers for salary because of the board’s responsibility for building costs. Thus, the survival of the institution can be traced to individuals who gave of their time, their prayers and, quite often, their resources to keep the young school afloat.

In addition to Huggins and Curtis, names like board chairman J.H. Quinn, dietitian Lillian Ritch, area pastors John W. Suttle, Zeno Wall and J.L. Jenkins played vital roles in keeping the school solvent at the turn of the century, along with numerous members of the local Hamrick, Greene, McSwain and Washburn families.

Until the creation of this new entity, the area saw very few high school students move on to attend college. But that trend changed significantly with the emergence of Boiling Springs High School. Though its era as a small high school would be brief, it was in these initial decades that the institution would lay the foundation for quite a legacy.

**Fact:** *The Sandy Run and Kings Mountain Baptist Associations partnered to create Boiling Springs High School.*

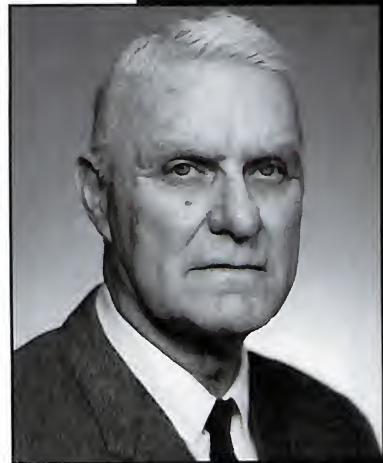
The Huggins-Curtis Building (right) in the early years of the school's history featured 44 dormitory rooms, a chapel, three recitation rooms, two society halls, a music room, two parlors, a dining hall, a kitchen, and two offices for the principals.



**Fact:** *In just three years after the high school's opening, enrollment had already grown to 135 students.*

# Boiling Springs High School

Broadus E. "Pop" Simmons (right) was a student in 1920 when the first football team for Boiling Springs High School was formed. Because there was no coach, he and another student organized a group of boys and practiced with an old shoe for a ball.



**Fact:** *In 1920, peak enrollment as a high school was achieved as 366 students were attending.*

In 1914, the graduating class numbered 13 (right). Also in that year, the Kings Mountain Baptist Association held a fund drive to raise money for the school. The effort collected a grand total of \$525.



**Fact:** *In 1920, the first football game in Cleveland County was played ... Boiling Springs High beat Gaffney High 6-0.*

The 1908-09 faculty featured nine instructors (right). Principal J.D. Huggins was among them (bottom row, far right).





# 1925-1942

***The Depression Years*** – Dickens could have been describing the plight of this institution when he once wrote “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.”

Having realized its potential to educate even more area students, a new building was constructed to house administrative offices, boys dorm rooms and classroom space. The Memorial Building, now known as Hamrick Hall, has survived fire on more than one occasion to still stand as the campus’ oldest building to this day. And on

the third day of September in 1928, what had been a high school for over two decades opened its first session as Boiling Springs Junior College. It was truly a sign of progress for the young school ...

But while expansion brought excitement to campus, optimism was cautious. The local farm economy was already beginning to suffer and the nation was less than 14 months away from the crash on Wall Street. The question remained: how would we fare during the toughest times of our brief history of higher education?

Times became hard on the tiny campus, and the faculty and students endured day after day on scarce portions at the dinner table. Local farmers were encouraged to cultivate one acre of cotton for the benefit of the College. Tremendous debt began to saddle the school. But as with the genesis of the institution, local individuals, families, churches and even politicians strived to see the College through. Stories of people abound, like E.B. Hamrick, who at times kept the school open by himself through donations and support.

Teachers at one point in the 1930s were asked to pay their own expenses and not expect much salary in return, and twice during that decade trustees even made motions to close the school. Somehow (and one time by only a single vote) the doors remained open. There were a few who could see a light at the end of tunnel. They were right.

Fundraising campaigns being discussed at the end of the 1930s would be organized, ambitiously seeking to make the college a million-dollar institution. Land was offered to the College, churches added the school to their budgets, and a key connection was made ... former N.C. Governor O. Max Gardner responded to a request for support. A resulting gift would change the future of the institution – and its name – forever. The school had survived. And its second wind would blow mightily.

**Fact:** In 1924-25, the Board of Trustees proudly reported to the school's supporting associations that the buildings on campus are "all equipped with electric lights."

The "barn," built in 1910, was used to house male students during the high school and early junior college years. It featured 24 dormitory rooms. The structure would later be destroyed by fire.



**Fact:** The first seven departments proposed for the school, if it were to be a junior college, were: English, mathematics, natural science, foreign language, social science, Bible, and education.

One of the supporters of the college in the early 1930s was E.B. Hamrick who, on one occasion, marked \$1,400 off his books that the college owed him. In fact, for almost one year he fed the entire student body free of charge. The Memorial Building, constructed in 1925, was renamed in his honor.



**Fact:** Before transitioning to a junior college, Boiling Springs High School had enrolled 5,000 students in its 21-year history.

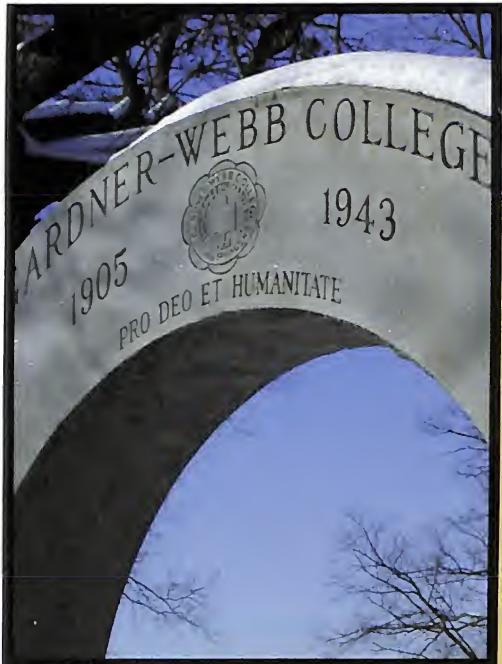
During the latter years as a high school, the institution featured literary societies such as these that were noted for their popular, and often humorous, on-campus publications.



**Fact:** Dan W. Moore, Jr., in his first year on the faculty, reported that his annual salary was \$600 and that students were still bringing farm commodities to pay their expenses.

Stating that "I've made all the money I want to make, now I need a project," former N.C. Governor O. Max Gardner decided to back the College in a major financial way. In 1942, his \$10,000 gift made available 25 scholarships to area young men and women. The College would be named in honor of him and his wife, Fay Webb Gardner.





# 1943-1971

**A Time To Grow** – It was O. Max Gardner who stated in a letter soon after it was announced the College would bear his name: “I have known of the hard and desperate struggle of this institution to become a junior college. Frankly, I have been impressed with the fact that it refused to die.”

A study of the school’s needs set the tone for a time of vision when buildings would be built, land would be

acquired, scholarships would be established and the student body would grow. A key leader appointed to see these through was Dr. P.L. “Phil” Elliott, president from 1943-1961. A much-beloved figure, Elliott spearheaded a surge in enrollment to 420 students by 1946-47, nearly double the number enrolled just two years earlier. And with O. Max Gardner lending even more financial support during this time, the stage was set for physical expansion of facilities and holdings. Seventeen new buildings marked the first five years of his presidency, with a 400 percent increase in enrollment and the addition of more highly qualified faculty occurring during that same time as well.

As the College celebrated 50 years of existence, even more plans were proposed to grow the campus and its endowment. Campus life also seemed to flourish during this time and extracurricular activities became interwoven into students’ daily lives. Dr. Elliott gained accolades and reverence for the school’s fortune, but his upcoming retirement would soon signal a changing of the guard. Soon after making plans to bring his administration to a close, Dr. Elliott passed away in his office in 1961 of a heart attack. Two campus buildings bear his name.

Elliott’s successor, however, seemed destined to take up the late president’s agenda. Dr. E. Eugene Poston began work in 1961 and, with confidence, recommended a 10-year plan of development in facilities and quality of instruction. With key involvement from families like the Dovers and Spanglers, campus progress continued.

In a decade where conservatism would begin to clash with radicalism, Dr. Poston held firm in establishing an orderly approach to campus life and the education of future leaders. The reputation of the school was a conversation of many, and the decision to make the institution a four-year senior college fueled the progress and excitement.

**Fact:** The famous writer Thomas Dixon donated his library to G-W in 1945. Dixon's writing made him a millionaire, but several bad investments left him penniless at his death.

President Phil Elliott (holding book) with faculty and administrators Paul Stacy and H.C. Dixon (front row), and Elma Harper Pollock, Abbie Miller Mitchell, J.O. Terrell and J.Y. Hamrick (back row).



*Front*

*Junior College...*

**Fact:** In 1949 NC State chancellor J.W. Harrelson said, "Gardner-Webb College has advanced more in the last seven years than most colleges advance in 15 years."

The picture of campus as it stood in 1957 was short-lived, as an era of expansion was soon to begin. The addition of facilities, including many new dorms, classrooms and

offices, was made possible, in large part, by successful capital campaigns. Businessman Pat Spangler, shown at right with his wife, Eloise, and the Rev. Billy Graham on "Pat Spangler Day" in 1971, was a driving force behind a surge of community and corporate support that would enable Gardner-Webb to grow quickly during this period.



*To Senior College*

**Fact:** After 50 years of operation, Gardner-Webb had enrolled 12,000 high school and college students.

In 1971, the historic first 242-person graduating class of Gardner-Webb as senior college makes its way across the quad to commencement ceremonies.



**Fact:** Lloyd Bost received the first-ever honorary doctorate awarded by G-W, during its first graduation as a senior college.

Dr. Eugene Poston led the school from 1961-76 and accomplished much with help of people like John R. Dover Jr. (far right).





# 1972-1996

**A Time To Thrive** – The early 1970s for Gardner-Webb could perhaps be encapsulated in the success of the men's basketball team, which couldn't be beaten at home – it was on a roll.

Life as a senior college fit comfortably for the institution and President Gene Poston's dream had been fulfilled: "(We are) an accredited senior college with a Christian atmosphere."

The addition of Dover Chapel and the doubling of the Webb Hall administrative building sent a message to those approaching the stoplight in town ... strong leadership and faith in God were carrying the school to new heights.

But this era, too, had its transitions. A new library was built and athletics success was building as Dr. Poston wound down his career as president. His successor, Dr. Craven Williams, brought previous administrative experience with his ministerial background. He thrived at achieving balance between continuing the growth of facilities on campus while adding girth to the academic reputation. There was no name change for the school during Williams' tenure as in previous eras, but positioning the school as a leader in North Carolina education certainly defined the College's "adolescent" years as a four-year institution.

Williams' 10 years set the stage for the next and most recent arrival, Dr. M. Christopher White in 1986. Like those before him, his visionary philosophy won him the job. Unlike any who came before him, however, Dr. White brought a dizzying array of interests and abilities. Minister, scholar, musician, athlete, award-winner, and risk-taker.

Assessing Gardner-Webb's strengths, White vowed to "take what we do and do it better than ever." Almost instantly, recognition and development of the faculty took place. A growing campus became beautified, and new programs were put on the agenda. Never one to discriminate, he poured his dreams into larger enrollments, greater endowment and less indebtedness, expansion of the master's programs, bold fundraising goals and competitive athletic programs. All were realized in his first 10 years. Also realized was the College's ascension to the status of a university, which officially took place on January 1, 1993.

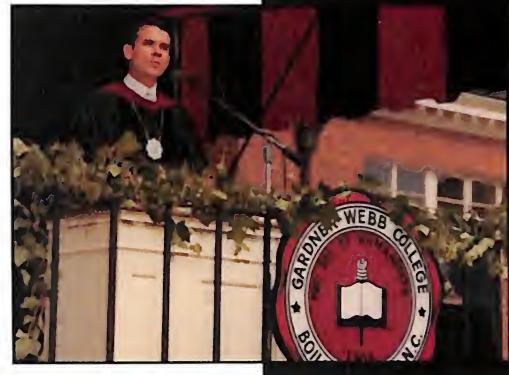
**Fact:** The Gardner-Webb men's basketball team, coached by Eddie Holbrook, once won 88 home games in a row playing in Bost gymnasium.

Dr. Garland Allen's golf program not only finished second, third, fourth, sixth, eighth and twelfth (twice) in national competition, but were back-to-back national champions in 1976-77.



**Fact:** In 1974, a G-W self-study committee filed a report of conclusions and recommendations proposing the first-ever graduate program on campus.

Dr. Craven Williams, who served as president from 1976-86, had many of the traits his predecessors possessed. One visionary move led to the creation of the GOAL Program, now the oldest adult education program of its kind in the state.



**Fact:** Dr. Gene Poston was the last president to live in the "President's House" on Memorial Drive. Dr. Craven Williams was the first to occupy the Blanton House in Shelby.

Dr. Chris White, current GWU president, has continued the institution's legacy of progress with significant additions to campus, faculty and enrollment. The creation of master's degree and doctoral programs also mark his tenure, as does the transition to University and NCAA Division I status.



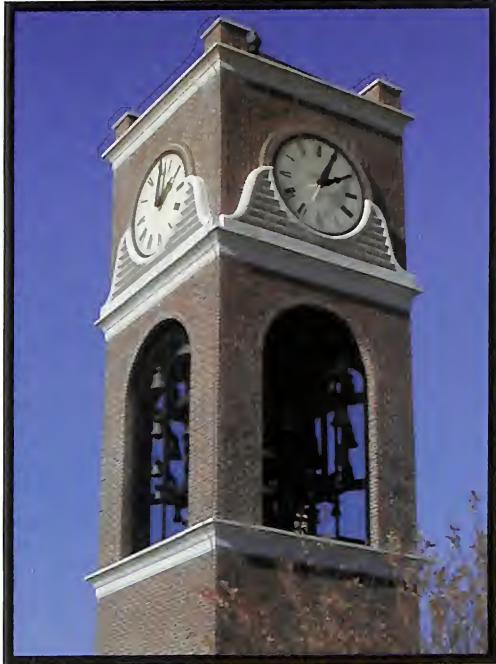
**Fact:** When the Williams Observatory was dedicated in 1990, it was revealed that 135 individuals, 20 church groups and 29 suppliers and contractors had helped with its construction.

Gardner-Webb celebrated its name transition from "College" to "University" with a day-long celebration on April 3, 1993.

**Fact:** Since being renovated, Hamrick Hall is now not only the oldest building on campus, it is the most modern.

Noel Hall is home to the M. Christopher White School of Divinity, which officially opened its doors in 1993. That same year, the MBA Program was begun. Ironically, the two programs would partner years later to offer a M.Div./MBA degree, one of the first degrees of its kind anywhere.





# 1997 - present

**A Time To Dream** – There is no more symbolic monument on campus than the Lake Hollifield Carillon, which has ushered in a new era on campus. Its construction is in three sections – representing the past, present and the future. If at the dawn of its centennial the University can claim one thing, it is the dogged way it has held firm to its Christian roots. Faith in God has been its guide through the bad and the good times.

“Learn from the past, embrace the present and dream the future” may well sum up the first 100 years of this institution.

When a \$35 million campaign was culminated at the beginning of this new era, that awesome achievement set the university on a higher plateau than ever before. When that fundraising venture (the largest ever in Cleveland County) was begun with an initial \$20 million goal, one naysayer offered: “There isn’t that much money in Cleveland County.” Could it have been more fitting than to have nearly doubled the original projection?

In addition to the lake and the most modern bell tower of its kind in America, new ultra-modern technology was incorporated into the campus infrastructure and state-of-the-art apartments replaced traditional dormitories. Monies directed toward scholarships attracted valedictorian-caliber students and the addition of nationally, even internationally, recognized faculty brought prestige and recognitions. Twice the accolades flowed from Washington, DC, and once they were broadcast to the nation from a New York City television studio.

Character education became the university’s calling card and a willingness to take a leap of faith or two had America taking notice. With a record enrollment of 3,500 undergraduate, graduate, and now doctoral students, a strategic plan has been undertaken to determine what the next century of Christian higher education will hold for us.

With status as an NCAA Division I institution, Gardner-Webb is armed for its pursuit of a bicentennial. The humble beginnings are over. The night-long sessions of trustees contemplating the school’s closing are behind us. The struggle for identity as a senior institution has been won. The step upward into a new echelon of peers is being made.

As the centennial for Gardner-Webb University is celebrated, and our memories, traditions and legacies have brought us to this point, perhaps the heading at the top of the page should read: **1997 - future**.

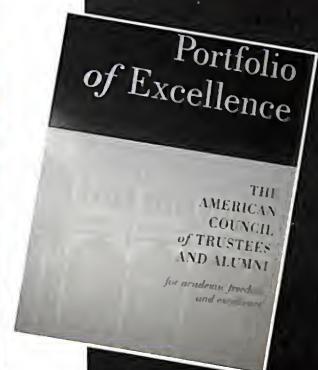
**Fact:** When upgraded to 50,000 watts in the mid-1990s, WGWG became the third largest campus station in the U.S.

The campus began to add state-of-the-art features in the latter part of the 1990s, such as the Brophy Adventure Course and the University Commons apartment-style dorms.



**Fact:** Dr. Chris White is the first and only American to receive an honorary doctorate from Russia's Moscow State Conservatory of Music.

Awards for programs and academics became a hallmark for GWU, garnering awards from the Templeton Foundation and the Portfolio of Excellence, both based in Washington, DC



**Fact:** The GWU library has one of only two scale models of Jerusalem's Temple Mount in existence.

A major leap forward was made when GWU announced it would reclassify to NCAA Division I status. The move paid dividends early when the Atlantic Sun Conference extended an invitation for membership.



**Fact:** Jim Lovell's 'Executive Forum' in 1998 named GWU's program one of four emerging business schools in America.

The University took another giant step with the formation of its first doctoral degree program, the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.). The historic first class began meeting in Fall 2001.



**Fact:** As of 2002, the University now has a minimum \$1 million impact on the local economy per month.

During its most recent landmark event, the institution named its first-ever endowed chair, as Dr. Todd Still now is the Bob D. Shepherd Chair of New Testament Interpretation.





## IN HER OWN WORDS ...

by Carolyn Lewis Duncan, class of 1972

*(Editor's Note: As we countdown to the GWU Centennial we cherish the opportunity to share the thoughts and memories of our alumni and families. Carolyn Lewis Duncan '72 shares with us this issue one of her many fond recollections.)*

Going to college was an almost impossible dream for me. My parents worked in textile jobs and barely made ends meet. They were always supportive and they encouraged each of their nine children to reach their potential. My guidance counselor and several of my teachers in high school questioned me about my plans after graduation. They advised me to go to college and I was pleased by their confidence in my ability. Yet, I knew the costs and could not imagine how it would be accomplished.

My pastor suggested Gardner-Webb and I was familiar with the school because of others who had attended GWU. My school counselor, however, suggested a state-supported institution because of the expenses. I had a part-time job and paid the application fees for two schools. I wanted to attend Gardner-Webb because of my Baptist heritage and promise of a Christian atmosphere. Yet, the state school was cheaper. I was accepted at GWU in 1965 and a deposit of \$50 was required. I told my mother about the needed money – she had always managed to come up with funds for things like piano lessons when the family needed shoes – but she simply did not have the resources. I went to my Dad and he was so proud that I had been accepted that he promised God would make a way. On payday he gave me the deposit, which was probably his salary for a week. Witnessing my father's faith in action, I began to see God opening doors for me.

I had applied for financial aid at Gardner-Webb and received \$100. The business manager, Mr. M.W. Gordon, took an interest in my situation and invited my family to his home one Sunday afternoon. We were overwhelmed by his warmth and sincerity. He promised my parents if they could somehow pay the first semester's fees, and if I demonstrated my ability, that the necessary funds would be there for my education. He was faithful to his word and I worked hard to earn the monies I needed. Soon I was able to attend Gardner-Webb with work study assistance, loans and scholarships.

It took me 10 years after graduation to repay the money. I thought the whole time I was making payments that I would save money and send my daughter to a state school. When she chose GWU, I was proud and willing to make any sacrifice to send her to a Christian school.

The value of the education we received at Gardner-Webb cannot be measured in dollars and cents. My parents confessed later that it took them several years to repay the money they borrowed to pay for that first semester. I am grateful for their willingness to invest in a Christian education for me. Ten years after I had graduated I received a call one evening from Mr. Gordon. He had read about the death of my father and called to express his sympathy. The caring never ceases.

### Carolyn Lewis Duncan

- B.A – Gardner-Webb '72
- M.A. – Appalachian State University '89
- Named a fellow in the Governor's Language Institute for North Carolina in 1988 and 1991
- Current president of the Southern Piedmont Foreign Language Consortium

Carolyn is a French teacher at Crest High School. She resides in Shelby with her husband, Tom. They have a daughter, Molly, and two grandchildren, Adeline Margaret and Nicolas Adam.



1947 May Day court

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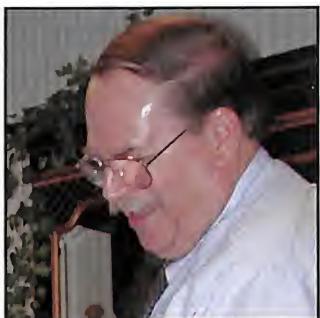
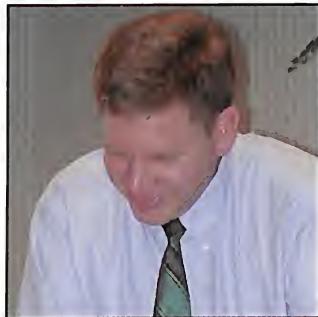
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# Making Missions Their Business

*Professors Take Their Assistance Overseas*



**T**herefore children, do not let us love with words and tongue, but with actions and in truth.  
(*1 John 3: 18*)

The term “mission trip” may conjure images of backyard bible clubs, skits and drama ministries, perhaps repairing a home or building one, maybe even serving others through one’s medical abilities. But for a group of Gardner-Webb business professors who have a desire to help others, the mission they have chosen is a rare one.

Dr. Arlen Honts, Dr. John Keyt, Professor Bob Mellbye, and Dr. Phillip Swicegood are heading to Russia and the Ukraine in the hopes they will be able to influence and impact the lives of people with their knowledge of business and economics.

In countries that are struggling to make the transition between communism and capitalism, these professors hope to share the ideas of the free market

system. Dr. Swicegood, the only professor in the group who has traveled to Russia, says this experience is one that allows him to “teach” in a very different way.

“This is one way of loving our neighbors as they make the transition from communism to the free market system,” he said.

“They’re hungry to learn, so we will be providing them with finance seminars and lectures to help them implement free market ideas at the local level.”

Three other professors are using their spring breaks to visit the Ukrainian city of Chernihiv where they will work with the department of agriculture.

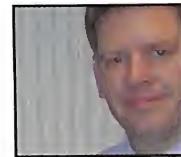
“There is a real mistrust between private entities and government,” said Dr. Honts, dean of the School of Business. “Many groups are willing to work with



*Swicegood*

**“We’re going to do the business seminar – that is the job we have to do, but we are also Christians and we can build relationships with that in mind.”**

— Dr. Arlen Honts



private individuals but the department of agriculture is still trying to figure out how to make the change from collective farming ideas to western business practices. They were once the most productive farm area, with rich soil, and yet they’re having to work for food now because they’re so inefficient. They have the potential of being the most efficient farming area in the world again, but they’re still learning. We hope to bridge that gap with the business seminars we will be holding.”

Dr. Keyt agrees with the necessity of the trip.

“Most Russian people have been taught that the job you do doesn’t really matter because you’ll get paid as a part of the Soviet system whether you do a good job or not, so there’s absolutely no incentive or reason for you to work hard.”

Honts added, “This attitude is not that easy to adjust. Communism has totally permeated every mindset and so the concept of efficiency is a foreign concept to them. We don’t have any delusions that we’re going to go in and have some kind of economic revival because of what we do there. However, we want to give simple tools they can use to direct their next steps.”

But for all of the professors, travelling across the world this spring will address more than the politics of business through economic discussion. It also is a way to share Christ, through words and actions.

“Anytime you go and do something for people and develop a relationship with them you have a chance to talk about your faith in Christ,” said Keyt. “These people need to understand the tools of how free-market systems work and hopefully that will be a bridge for us to develop a relationship with them.”

Dr. Honts agrees. “We’re going to do the business seminar – that is the job we have to do, but we are also Christians and we can build relationships with that in mind. Go back to Paul. He was a tentmaker before anything else and worked as he ministered. We can assume there would be some outgrowth of that.”

The opportunity to use business as a tool of ministry

is what excited these professors to take such a trip. They say that they can see it as an opportunity to influence people’s lives, not only through sharing their business skills as professors, but also by sharing their faith in Christ.

“Using business as the basis for a mission trip is something many people just do not think is viable,” Honts said. “But I like the fact that we are able to use the skills and the talents that we’ve got. People usually think of business as being separate from spiritual matters, but I honestly feel this kind of trip can have a long-term impact. It could impact those people as much as a medical mission trip. The key is teaching the right people who, in turn, will teach others. I think that will change the lives of the people there.”

Keyt agreed that this type of trip may be unconventional, but he feels the need to serve God with the talents he has been given.

“I think this is a chance to help improve the economy and the standard of living of the Russian people. It is just natural for me to take the knowledge and ability that I have and do something with it.”

Honts followed by saying every part of our lives should honor God.

“If you go back to the Protestant reformation that’s the whole issue Martin Luther started looking at – that God had a call on not just part of your life but on all of your life. So the Protestant work ethic came out of the recognition that God controlled not just who I was but also what I did. Therefore my vocation ought to honor God just as my devotion honors God.”



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— Dr. John Keyt



Ever wonder why people believe the way they do? As a professor of religion and religious education, Dr. Alice Cullinan has spent much time researching different religious groups, sects and cults.

In a recent television interview that focused on the growth of cults and sects Dr. Cullinan said many are "attracted" to these groups because of the promise to meet certain needs in an individual's life.

"Cults will offer packaged answers and opportunities depending on what a person's need is. Perhaps that need is to be a leader. Or, if someone feels isolated or alone, the group may shower love and attention on them.

## Cults Are On The Prowl, Says Cullinan

Often, she says, people are attracted to cult or sect groups without even realizing what those groups believe.

"Few people join a cult because they like what they teach, or even know what they teach."

In classes she teaches and seminars she conducts, Dr. Cullinan cautions people to be alert.

"It is easy to fall prey to such beliefs before you even realize it."

She strongly advises people to become more aware of their own beliefs.

"We are learning how to discern what different cult groups and sectarian groups believe, but how many of us know what we believe to be able to compare it? I think that's a real weakness. I am astonished at how many people do not know the basics of their faith. When we are not teaching people the Christian belief system they become open to other

ideas."

According to Dr. Cullinan, 75 percent of all cult and sect converts come from Baptist and Methodist denominations.

"For example, cults can be hard to recognize because their members often will come into the home and ask a biblical question someone can't answer, then they will sit down and spend an hour with people 'teaching' the Bible. The unsuspecting Baptist or Methodist doesn't even realize they're being indoctrinated into a cult or sect."

Dr. Cullinan cautions people to be aware and alert about the material they study and groups that may seem warm and inviting.

"Not everything," she says, "is always as it appears. Your best defense against cults and sects is knowing the foundations of your own faith."

## English Prof Goes 'On The Road' To Connect With Kerouac

*social and literary movement in the 1950s. He became famous for the story of his travels and adventures in his book "On the Road."*

*Dr. Theado says that he became fascinated with the author and his works after picking up a copy of "Desolation Angels," the story of Jack Kerouac's life.*

*"It took me a while to even figure out that they were talking about a writer. Everything about his life seemed so adventurous and exciting. It was a quest and a spiritual search for Kerouac, but it was an awful lot of fun and there was just something freeing about it. And it seems to be the experience that millions of other readers have had*

*GWU English professor Dr. Matt Theado spends every day teaching students to communicate and present themselves through writing. His inspiration? American writer Jack Kerouac.*

*With his spontaneous and unconventional prose, Kerouac became the voice of the beat generation, a term that he coined to label a*

*as they've come across his writings."*

*Fascinated by Kerouac's travels and adventures, Dr. Theado has recently pursued his own adventure. A dream come true, Theado and his wife got to see the original manuscripts of Kerouac's book "On the Road."*

*"Kerouac was a lightning typist," Theado explains. "He typed so fast that the paper would come out of the typewriter. So, he taped pieces of tracing paper together. He taped 12 single-spaced lines of prose onto one long piece of scroll. But he got his story told."*

*Dr. Theado says that for many years the scroll – and its whereabouts – were a mystery.*

*"As Kerouac's mystique grew, people wondered about this legendary scroll. They wondered if it actually existed and if it was different than the published version. There became a growing number of people who wanted to see the true unedited version that he had originally cranked out. Fortunately, the scroll did reappear...."*

*Sold at an auction for \$2.2 million dollars, the scroll has since been preserved in a library at Indianapolis University.*

*And for one professor, seeing it has been the fulfillment of a dream.*



## New Faculty Spotlight

## DR. JIM LAWRENCE

Few people realize that the new professor in Communication Studies has a really unique way of expressing himself. Actually, make that a few ways.

Meet Dr. Jim Lawrence – screenwriter, film producer, author and educator.

He has produced a syndicated television series called "This Is The Life" and has worked on several different scripts that were produced by Walt Disney Productions, Warner Brothers TV and CBS. More recently he has published two novels.

Originally, Dr. Lawrence had planned on taking a different path and discovered that inspiration could come from just about anywhere.

"I started out in divinity school and while I was there I was doing some creative writing. I was writing

short experimental worship services and short plays. I really liked it."

After moving to California to get experience in directing, writing and editing with a small company called Family Films, Dr. Lawrence began his freelance career with an assignment for Walt Disney Productions – adapting a children's book to film.

Most recently, Dr. Lawrence says he has found his calling in writing books.

"It's what I really enjoy doing. I've found that after writing screenplays for so long, writing novels is very liberating because I can talk about what the character is feeling and thinking. There's a lot of things you can't do in a screen-play. I feel I have finally found my voice."

He says the transition from screenplays to books was an easy one.

"The best part is that you can live

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in your imagination. I like that a writer can be a creator, whether it's a creator of new lives or a creator of new worlds. You're limited only by what your mind can conceive."

## CAMPUS MOURNS PASSING OF TWO FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS

• **Dr. Don Cook** passed away in November at age 70. A highly respected pastor and educator, he was an original member of the M. Christopher White School of Divinity faculty. He had taught previously at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Cook was serving a pastorate in Baskerville, VA, at the time of his death.

• **Dr. Arthur Nuhrah** died in December at age 82. He joined the Gardner-Webb faculty in 1969 and served as a professor of history. An accomplished author, he won numerous awards for his writings, essays and speeches. In addition, he was named a Ford Foundation fellow twice. Dr. Nuhrah served the United States Army in World War II as well.



## GWU FACULTY THE MISSION STAYS THE SAME ...



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*Caring  
for*  
Mind  
Body  
*and* **Spirit**

*Students Thriving In The  
Gardner-Webb School of Nursing*



Did You Know?

- GWU's is the only school of nursing in North or South Carolina with three nursing programs
- It is the only school of nursing at a Baptist college or university in North Carolina
- It is the oldest existing ADN program out of 47 in NC
- There are currently 1428 alumni from the GWU School of Nursing
- 325 students are currently enrolled with 16 full-time faculty and five sites

**I** think one of the most profound relationships is the one between nurse and the patient,” says Gardner-Webb University graduate student Robin Lang. “Caring for Mind, Body and Spirit is the motto for the School of Nursing and that really is how we try to treat our patients and practice nursing.”

Robin just graduated from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at Gardner-Webb

and is currently working on her Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. Although she has been a nurse for 11 years, she decided to go back to school ... and back to Gardner-Webb's nursing program. It has allowed her to keep working yet continue her education at the same time.

“It was just good timing. I was so empowered by the BSN program that I thought this is just the time to get my master's degree. The

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masters program was brand new to Gardner-Webb at the time but I believe so strongly in the role of nursing and education."

The School of Nursing offers three programs: an associates degree in nursing, a bachelors degree and, most recently, a masters degree in nursing. As Robin discovered, the School of Nursing has something for everyone, whether its someone who has been a nurse for years, or someone who has just recently decided to pursue a career in the profession.

"Coming into the BSN program changed my practice," says Robin. "Gardner-Webb helps me reflect on who I am, but it also makes me who I am. I wouldn't be who I am without Gardner-Webb."

Robin was recently recognized for her work as an oncology nurse at Gaston Memorial Hospital by receiving its most prestigious nursing achievement award, the Nightingale Award. Elected by her peers, Lang says she felt honored to receive such an award.

"I was so overwhelmed to receive this award and it's just been really wonderful. It really validates your nursing."

The award is based on education efforts, community service projects, volunteerism and educational successes. Not only could Robin include her GWU educational studies but her work in Relay for Life and cancer outreach.

Robin says receiving the award is a reflection of the nursing faculty.

"When I found out that I had won the award, I immediately thought of my professors. It's an award I feel I share with them."

Believing strongly in the role of education, Robin says she is grateful for her experiences here in Gardner-Webb's nursing program.

"Education gives nurses a bigger picture. Nurses are wonderful people that have to be out there practicing and caring for patients. What the bachelor's program does is pull it all together and make you think on a broader horizon. Nursing is not just about your patient's illness. It's about what will that patient do when they go home and what's available in the community to help them. It's a bigger picture."

She adds, "It's a step toward professionalism that changes your perspective. Our biggest role in nursing is to be an advocate for the patient, and the nursing program teaches

you how to do that well."

Robin says that she is also glad to have found a school she is proud to call her own.

"I will remember September 11th forever. I remember how hard it was to have class that day and how students were in the commons holding hands praying on the quad. I will never forget that. And I thought ... 'this is my school.'"

Robin's kinship she feels with the faculty and the nursing program at GWU has affected much more than just her study habits.

"It is not an exaggeration for me to say that coming to the BSN program changed my practice. Gardner-Webb's atmosphere is a Christian atmosphere with support and encouragement.

There's mentorship. The faculty wants you to succeed and not just with grades. They want you to impact your practice and help you really impact your community. I can't say enough how they changed my life when I came through this program."

*In addition to Robin Lang several students in the nursing school have recently been recognized for their achievements as well:*

• In September, **Suzanne Clemmer** was a support runner to carry the Olympic Torch for NC's leg of the relay. She is a 2001 GWU ADN graduate, and now a junior BSN student.



• **Phyllis Fujita** was selected as one of "The Great 100" nurses in North Carolina this year. A junior BSN student here at Gardner-Webb, she was one of eight CaraMont Health Care System nurses selected. CaraMont is the Gaston Memorial Hospital system in Gastonia, NC.

• **Chanda Flynn**, an MSN student, received the South Carolina Emergency Nurse of the Year Award at the 2001 SC Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Conference.



• Junior BSN student **Sherri Stroud** was recently featured in the Winter 2002 PARTNERS magazine, a magazine for the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System (SRHS). She was named as Manager of the Year for the SRHS. She is the Nurse Manager for the Cardiovascular Recovery Unit in the Regional Heart Center at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

## IN THE NEWS...

Mike and Brooke Overholt, both GWU seniors, recently had their photos included in an international abstinence calendar. The calendar will be given to churches, organizations, pregnancy centers, and physicians offices, among other locations. They submitted their photo and a brief bio to the company called Abstinence Clearing House and they were selected to be featured.

Other students from GWU also sent in bios and they are featured on the website as well. They include Vic Lasher, Missy Nederson, Edie Hering, Shelby Jones, Josh Smith, Eric Mansfield, Chris Stout, Tripp Graziano, Amy Callahan, Sarah Shong, Sabrina Siegrist, and Mandy Huffstetler.

You can read about these students and others at [www.abstinence.net](http://www.abstinence.net). Bios and quotes from the students can be found by following the link called "Teen Cafe."

## TWO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS 'WOMEN IN SCIENCE' AWARD FROM GLAXO

Two GWU students were recognized as participants of the Women in Science Scholars Program sponsored by the Glaxo Wellcome Foundation.

Erin Eckard from Vale, NC, and Bethaney Osborne from Albemarle, NC, were recognized recently at the foundation's conference in Raleigh, NC. The mentor-scholar program allows students to receive not only a monetary award but also an advisor/mentor throughout the academic year.

The Women in Science Scholars Program encourages undergraduate female students to pursue careers in the field of science.

Each year, two female undergraduates from Gardner-Webb, and other schools throughout the state, are chosen to be recipients of this scholarship. One chemistry student and one biology student are chosen based on their scholastic achievements and their demonstrated interest in the field of science. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

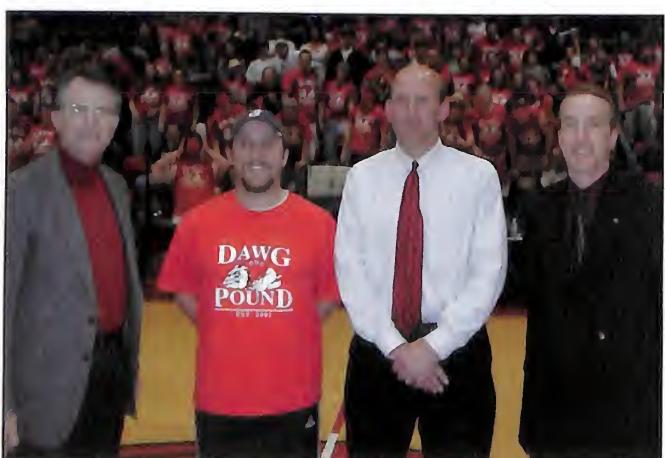


The program pairs each student with a female scientist who acts as a source of reference, an advisor and counselor.

In addition to receiving a mentor, students also receive an incentive scholarship of approximately \$1,000. Both students also received a plaque in recognition of their achievements.

Eckard, a chemistry major who has received this scholarship three consecutive years, presented a demonstration on molecular science at the fall conference. Her topic, entitled "Binding Affinities between Proteins and Receptors," was based on research done during her internship.

Osborne, a biology major, is a new recipient of this award. Her plans include going to vet school to work in the field of animal science.



## DAWG POUND MEMBERS RECEIVE THANKS ON SENIOR NIGHT

The last home basketball game of the season allowed coaches, fans and GWU employees a chance to say thanks to seniors of the Dawg Pound, the student cheering section that has helped the men's team enjoy one of the most effective home-court advantages in America.

## Student Writers Get Rave Reviews

### Three Asked To Attend National Convention

Three Gardner-Webb members of Sigma Tau Delta, the national English honor society, were invited to present a panel of papers at the national Sigma Tau Delta convention in Boise, Idaho, in March.

Being accepted as part of the program for a national convention is quite an accomplishment for undergraduates, according to Dr. June Hobbs, GWU associate professor of English. The students are Anna Moose, Kelli Edmonds, and Abigail Wolford. The title of their panel is "Liberating Voices: Hillerman, Cisneros, and Giardina Challenge Mainstream America."

The three individual papers were originally prepared for what is called capstone classes, English 391 and 491. "Dr. Joyce Brown deserves a big hand for directing the projects," Hobbs was quick to say.

She added, "The convention chair, who spoke personally to Anna Moose by phone, was glowing in her praise of the papers and thought they were exceptionally well done and on the 'cutting edge' of contemporary scholarship. She even offered to manipulate the schedule to make sure the young

women would find it convenient to attend. She even offered to help them with funding the trip if they were short on funds."

In a letter from the convention chair, Helen Lojek, it was noted that, "the panel fits beautifully with the convention theme, and the three of you should give delegates a glimpse into an important, generally under-discussed area of contemporary American literature. I was particularly impressed by the articulate explanation you (Anna) provided me over the phone when I called with some questions."

From among those chosen to attend, Hobbs added that two (Anna Moose and Kelli Edmonds) are in the highly touted teacher education program. Both are student teaching this semester.



**Dr. June Hobbs (right) with Abby Wolford, one of three students recognized by Sigma Tau Delta**

### 'Brunch' Earns Student, WGWG High Acclaim



GWU student Dan McClellan recently was announced as a winner in the 2001 "Communicator Awards," an international audio competition that recognizes outstanding work in the communications field.

McClellan, a GWU senior, entered the competition for his work with the university's radio station, WGWG (88.3 FM). McClellan's entry was for a radio station program he produced called "The Beatles Brunch." The program received an "Award of Distinction" from the judging panel.

The "Award of Distinction" is awarded for projects that exceed industry standards in production or communication skills. The Communicator Awards is an international competition which recognizes high quality work in the field. Entrants are judged by fellow industry professionals.

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# BULLDOG

## BASKETBALL ENJOYS 'DREAM' SEASON

The 2001-2002 pretty much featured it all – victories over heavyweight opponents such as Colorado State, Furman, Yale and Georgia Southern (among others), a 30-game home winning streak kept intact, Head Coach Rick Scruggs garnering his 300th career win, and Dick Vitale (*left*) eating his words on national television (he called GWU a "cupcake" in criticism of Colorado

State's schedule).

A 20-win season just isn't supposed to happen to a program in its second year of reclassifying to NCAA Division I status. Or is it? Scruggs said he never doubted the team's potential.

"It was a special group ... it had athletes and leaders, youth and experience. But we can't take all the credit. I think the Lord has blessed us tremendously. We tried to play and run our program in the right way, and I think it has paid off."

The largest crowds to see men's

basketball in recent history also gave Scruggs a formidable 'sixth man.'

"The community, the campus ... everyone has had a part in this special season. And, of course, a couple of wins could be directly attributed to the Dawg Pound – the best group of fans in college basketball."

*For all the latest news, visit us at [www.gwusports.com](http://www.gwusports.com).*

## Williams Plays In Nationally Televised Game

*>NFL Could Be Next Stop*

Football offensive tackle Richard Williams (Charlottesville, Va./Albemarle HS) accepted an invitation to play in the 64th annual Blue-Gray All-Star Football Classic on Christmas Day.

The game, which has featured the likes of Jerry Rice, Bart Starr, Terrell Davis and Howie Long in its rich history, was televised nationally by ABC. Last season, over 75 players who participated in the game were either drafted by the NFL or signed to contracts by the league.

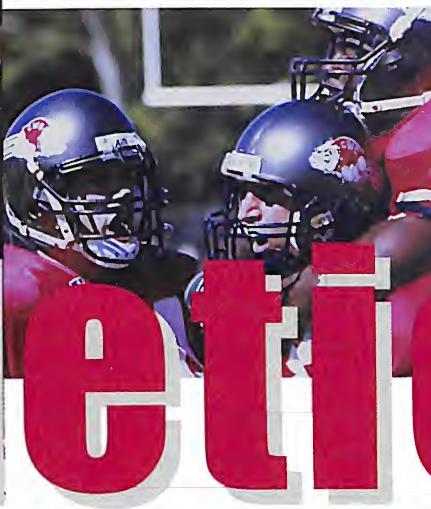
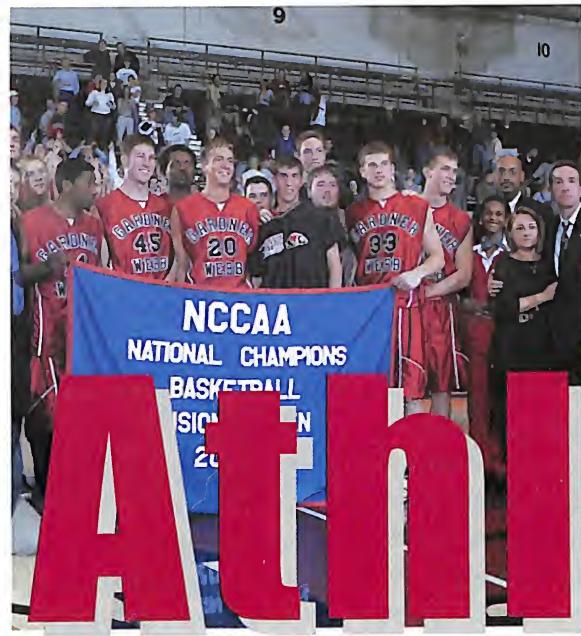
Williams, a 6-foot-3, 344-pound senior, helped Gardner-Webb to its fifth-straight winning season in 2001, starting all 10 games at left tackle as the Bulldogs finished 6-4 overall and 5-3 against Division I-AA foes. In the process, Williams allowed only one sack, while grading out at better than 85 percent for the season. Gardner-Webb's multiple offense averaged an impressive 445 yards of total offense in 2001 and posted a scoring average of 32.2

points per game. According to Bulldogs' head coach Steve Patton, "Richard is the strongest player I have coached, on any level."

In August, Williams bench pressed 225 pounds a personal-best 50 repetitions during preseason testing. By comparison, the top mark posted at last year's NFL Combine by a first-round offensive line draft choice was 33 repetitions.

In addition to the Blue-Gray game, Williams also was selected to participate in the Senior Bowl but did not play due to injuries.





## Football Brings In Impressive Recruits

GWU head football coach Steve Patton and his staff announced on February 6th that 18 student-athletes had signed National Letters of Intent to play football for the Bulldogs.

The prospects hail from nine different states and six were named to All-State teams in their respective classifications.

Two student-athletes were honored as their classification's State Player of the Year. Six are expected to play on the defensive side of the football for Gardner-Webb, with 12 signed to play offense. Two prospects played in the annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

Patton, who has led Gardner-Webb to five-straight winning seasons, was excited about the group.

"My hat goes off to our staff for another fine recruiting effort," he said. "This is a notable class due to its



Patton

diversity, with student-athletes coming in from nine different states. With our move to Division I-AA two seasons ago, I think this shows the increased visibility among prospects both regionally and nationally.

"The academic quality and athletic quality of the young men we are recruiting continues to grow as well. That's something we are very proud of and our staff feels that this group will forge a solid foundation for the future success of Gardner-Webb football."

Leading the charge is 2001 Tennessee Division II Mr. Football **Keppy**

**Baucom** (6-2, 210) of The McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tenn. The standout linebacker chose Gardner-Webb over a host of Division I-A programs, including Middle Tennessee State, Memphis, Army, Navy and Air Force. Furman also recruited Baucom.

Springville (Ala.) High quarterback **Nick Roberts** (6-2, 210) is also a great addition to the class. Roberts, who also starred at safety for Springville, passed for 1,388 yards and 14 touchdowns and ran for 943 yards and 16 touchdowns.

## Miller to Retire

GWU head baseball coach Clyde Miller has announced that the current 2002 baseball season will be his last. Miller, a record-setting coach who has over 800 career victories, has coached a number of All-Americans and last year led the Diamond Dogs to a World Series berth. This season featured another landmark for the legendary coach as he earned his 300th win as GWU coach.

## Bulldog Club News

The Bulldog Club, GWU's booster organization for athletics, has gained new leadership. Jim Corn, who over the last year has worked in the University Relations division, has assumed the daily operation and major gift fund-raising. He can be reached at 704-406-4288 (phone) or via e-mail at [jcorn@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:jcorn@gardner-webb.edu). Details about the 2002-2003 season are coming soon.

## New Charlotte Campus Slated To Open in April

On August 31, the University ushered in a new era of sorts with the unveiling of a new facility in Iredell County. It was the first off-campus facility dedicated solely to GWU programs and it bears the name "Gardner-Webb University at Statesville."

Round Two of this type of expansion comes in April when a facility in Mecklenburg County will be unveiled to the public. Its name is "Gardner-Webb University at Charlotte."

While already in use for a few programs, the new location has plans in the near future to offer a full slate of courses in the GOAL, MBA and Graduate School areas.

GWU has been present in Charlotte for many years, but relied upon the Mercy School of Nursing to supply space for classes to meet.

The new site, located very close to Charlotte Douglas International Airport, is part of a corporate/business park that is home to a variety of industries and

organizations.

Administrators feel the new location offers several advantages.

Because the building is a new construction, it is more pleasing aesthetically. Its location is more visible and easily accessible to students. The site is used solely by GWU, thus eliminating the competition for space among other groups. And, when the facility is not in use for academic purposes, it may be a meeting site for gatherings, seminars or events the University may conduct for alumni or other special groups.

## Exchange Agreement Signed

GWU recently hosted Dr. Martin Gaskell, rector

of the University College Northampton (UCN) and Dr. Delia Heneghan, director of the international office at UCN, for the signing of the an exchange agreement between Gardner-Webb and UCN.

This agreement provides for GWU students to spend a semester in England and for students with the exchange school to study at GWU.

In addition, several Gardner-Webb students have attended the summer school that UCN offers, and three GWU faculty members have taught there as well.

The visit from the UCN administrators also allowed them the opportunity to meet with students and faculty interested in UCN.

Attending the signing of the agreement were Dr.

and Mrs. Chris White, Dr. Gil Blackburn, Dr. Frank Bonner, Dr. Philip Williams, Drs. Joyce and Les Brown, and Dr. Janet Land. Dr. Helen Tichenor, director of GWU international programs, coordinated the event.

Dr. Tichenor added that Tara Hostetler, a current GWU English major, will be Gardner-Webb's first student to spend a semester at UCN this coming fall.

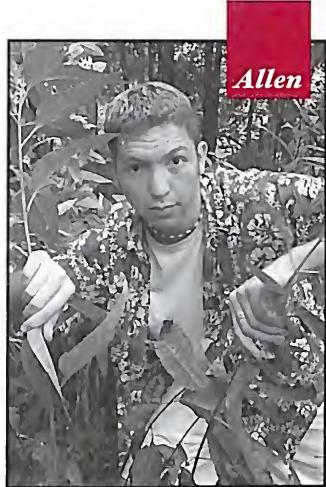
## Student TV Production Gets Big-Time Audience

When the 'Survivor' craze hit, a few GWU students set out to create the their own version of the reality-based show.

Using the Spring Break holiday upon which to build, alumnus Jonathan Allen and senior Jesse Leland produced a Survivor lookalike called 'Exiled.'

With a handful of willing participants from the student body, a week's worth of activities were videotaped, edited and shown to the greater GWU population through





special screenings. 'Exiled' was immediately a hit, which gave its producers an idea.

If GWU students embraced it, wouldn't other campuses enjoy watching fellow students rough it for several days and nights? The answer turns out to be a resounding "yes."

Zilo, a TV network in New York City that shows programming specifically for college campuses around America, liked the show and is now planning to air it to some 4.5 million viewers.

Producers say nationwide casting for 'Exiled 2' is in the works and the new version should be completed by June.

## Grad School Hits Record

Officials with the

GWU Graduate School say the current academic year has yielded its highest enrollment ever.

For the first time, the number of students has topped 400, with Grad School personnel enjoying an all-time high for new students in a spring semester as well.

In addition, the young Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program already has 72 students enrolled at its Boiling Springs and Statesville locations. The MBA Program announced it is approaching 400 students at its five locations, and the School of Divinity continues to grow with nearly 250 taking classes.

## Junior Fills State RHA Post

GWU junior Antwan Campbell became the first Gardner-Webb student to hold the highest position in the state for the North Carolina Association of Residence Halls. As state director, Campbell will represent North Carolina at professional and regional conferences and recruit schools to begin Residence Hall Associations on their campuses.

## Let It Snow

Snowfall in Boiling Springs is rare, but when such an event surprises us, the campus takes on a definite splendor.

Campus beauty is hailed often as a trademark of Gardner-Webb, yet we don't usually share images of our grounds during the winter months. So, with cameras in hand, GWU

*(At right) Dover Chapel welcomes the glow of sunlight after a snowy evening; (at middle) the quad was a favorite spot for students to enjoy a snowball fight; (at bottom) Lake Hollifield welcomed many in search of a sledding slope. Note that the ducks, however, seem unsure of how to "swim" on the ice.*

photographers captured many brilliant sites one January day for the enjoyment of our Web magazine readers.



# J.D. Huggins:

## *A Daughter Remembers How Wisdom, Perseverance Helped Build a Institution*

Rachel Hedrick was born in 1919, the daughter of James Dwyre (J.D.) Huggins. She explains that Gardner-Webb University knows how she feels when she affectionately calls him "father."

Huggins was the first employee of Boiling Springs High School, holding the positions of principal, assistant principal, co-principal, teacher, and dean of the college, in that order. And Rachel Hedrick seems to have memorabilia that chronicles all that surrounded her as a child – an engraved chair taken from one of the original buildings now sits in the corner of the dining room; another chair sits in her parlour, a gift from one of the senior classes under Professor Huggins' care. Drawings of campus from different time periods of the school hang in a collage on her wall. Photographs of her mother, Bessie Huggins, and father sit in small oval frames on a parlour table.

This excerpt appeared in the student newspaper on campus in 1929: "It is impossible for anyone to understand or even imagine all that must be meant when we say 'Professor Huggins and Boiling Springs High School and College.' When we speak of this school, we invariably think of it as a group or institution with Professor Huggins as father."

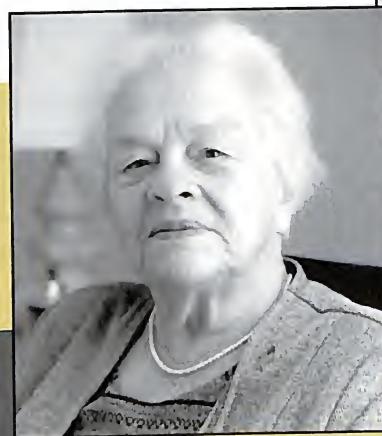
Mrs. Hedrick remembers many of the struggles that shaped Gardner-Webb University's early years.

"He mortgaged our house a time or two to get a little money to keep the school going," says Mrs. Hedrick, adding that he also had a gift of being resourceful. "If a boy needed some money to come to school, he would let him milk our cow."

J.D. Huggins died in 1932, at age 52, leaving behind an institution that would forever honor his name inscribed upon the arch that stands outside the Dover Campus Center. His legacy shines also through the many graduates that are his descendants, whose lives were shaped by the institution Huggins played an all-important role in developing.

The arch was erected in memory of Professor Huggins by alumni who had experienced his character first-hand. The inscription reads, "He was the first principal of this institution as a high school and first dean of the college. His radiant character and his sacrificial life of service for twenty-five years were an inspiration to thousands of boys and girls. He was the embodiment of greatness without pretense."

Mrs. Hedrick recounts that Huggins would recruit students with horse and buggy in the surrounding area. A young man named Horace Hammett was plowing when, according to Mrs.



Hedrick, "he saw this tall man with a limp

coming out toward him." When Hammett was asked if he would like to enroll, he replied that he couldn't afford it. "Daddy said, 'We'll see about that,'" recalls Mrs. Hedrick, "and he told Horace and his wife that they could stay at our house with no charge."

***"He mortgaged our house a time or two to get a little money to keep the school going," says Hedrick. "If a boy needed some money to come to school, he would let him milk our cow."***

Mr. Asbery Webb's barn and I want the ones who had nothing to do with it to go and get the buggy down. And those who put it up there to stay for punishment.' Everybody went up there. They got the buggy down and nobody stayed for punishment."

She added, "When a student misbehaved, he would set them down on a stool and look them right in the eye, and talk, and talk, and talk. It was worse than a paddling."

*Rachel's brother and sister both graduated from Boiling Springs High School. Each of Rachel Hedrick's six children graduated from one form or another of the Gardner-Webb institution. Two grandchildren graduated from the undergraduate program and one from the Graduate Program. A niece and a nephew also graduated from Gardner-Webb undergraduate programs. Her mom, Bessie Atkins Huggins, taught English, Latin and Greek at the school; and helped with the women's debate societies. Rachel herself would have received her degree in 1938, but she met her late husband, Karl, at the high school and married in 1937.*

"The school was daddy's baby," Mrs. Hedrick summed up. "He loved it. He loved everything about it."

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**Dorothy Borders Austell '41** recently was the guest speaker at Cleveland County's Veterans Day Service sponsored by Cleveland County Veterans Council. She is a World War II veteran of the Women's Army Air Corps. Last year she received the state's highest honor, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine. She presently resides in Raleigh.

## The '50s

**Hugh D. Price '55 A.A.** is retired after serving four years in the Air Force as an electronics technician. He worked with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as district conservationist for 28 years. This was a position of technical support to the Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation district. Hugh served as Cleveland County Sanitary District Commissioner for the past four years.

## The '60s

**John Michael Durham '60 B.A.** married Kelly Matthal on September 22, 2001, in Atlanta.

**William B. Watterson '63 A.A.** recently was named the North Carolina English Teachers Association's Outstanding Teacher of the Year for 2001-2002. William is in his sixth year at Watauga High School in Boone and teaches Advanced Placement Language and Composition for juniors, and an elective course in Shakespearean

Studies. During his time as a teacher he has taught a number of different English courses on several grade levels. Along with his wife Carol, he currently resides in Banner Elk, NC.

**Linda Morrison Combs '66** was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in February to her appointment as chief financial officer of the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Cathy Rebecca Mosteller '66** and John Patrick Mace were married October 20, 2001. Cathy is employed by U.S. Airways in Charlotte. John is a retired captain from the Charlotte Fire Department. After their wedding trip to Cancun, the couple resides in Shelby.

**R. Wayne Troutman '66 A.A.**, president and general manager of Troutman Motors, Inc., was appointed by Gov. Mike Easley to the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina Board of Directors.

**Jeffrey Scott Padgett '67** was elected mayor of Concord, NC, on November 6, 2001. He is retired from Cabarrus County Schools. Scott served as principal of Beverly Hills School. He, and his wife, Teresa, have one son and two grandchildren.

## The '70s

**Marsha Brown '72 B.S.** recently joined Coldwell Banker Horn and Associates, Inc., upon completing the licensing exam of the North Carolina Real Estate Commission.

**Michael Stamey '72 B.S.** is a mortgage loan officer in the Waynesville branch of the partnership between the Irwin Mortgage Corp. and Mountain Federal Credit Union.

**David Greene '75 B.S.** was named new assistant principal at Cherryville Elementary in Cherryville, NC. He's had 23 years experience as a math teacher and assistant principal with the Kings Mountain District Schools.

**Rick Howell '76 B.A.** has been named the 2002 Wachovia Principal of the Year for Polk County Schools. Rick has been teaching since 1977 and has served Sunny View Elementary School for the past three years as principal.

**June Carroll Lail '77 B.A.** is the principal of Boiling Springs Elementary School. She has received the honor of being Cleveland County's Principal of the Year for 2001-02 as Boiling Springs Elementary was named a school of excellence. If you would like to contact June you can reach her at: jlail@ccss.k12.nc.us

**Rob Hefner '78 B.A.** and his wife, Phyllis, are in their 15th year of service as church planter strategists with the IMB in equatorial Brazil. Rob is professor of Church Planting and Coordinator of the TOC Lay Institute at the Seminario Teologico Batista do Ceara. He recently completed his first textbook and began his M.Div. studies at the M. Christopher White School of Divinity in January of 2002. They can be reached at: hefner@ibeuce.com.br

**Dana Dillon Walling '78 B.A.** and her husband Jeff Walling are currently living in New Jersey raising their two children Christina and Melissa. Dana, who works as a substitute teacher has been called to serve as youth group advisor at All Saints Episcopal Church in Lakewood, NC. She is interested in hearing from other Gardner-Webb alumni, especially those who work with church youth. You can contact her by e-mail at yesfreak@att.net.

## The '80s

**Fred Glennon '80 B.A.**, the Kevin G. O'Connell Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities, was promoted to full professor. In addition, he was named as one of only two professors of religion and theology

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from across the country as a 2001-2002 Carnegie Scholar, sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

**Malinda Dunlap Fillingim '81 B.A.** recently became the Associate Pastor of Garden Lakes Baptist Church in Rome, GA. David, her husband, is a professor of Religion at Shorter College. Malinda and David have two children, Hope, 13, and Hannah, 10.

**Rhonda Morris '81 B.S.** was recently featured as Teacher of the Week for Rock Hill, SC. Rhonda teaches algebra I and algebra II to ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders at Clover High School. She lives in SC with her husband Eddie and two daughters, Haley and Lauren.

**Marsha Moss Patterson '81 B.S.** was married to Randy Kale Davis on September 8, 2001, at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Shelby, NC. She is an accountant with Citizens Oil Co. of Gaffney, SC. The groom is employed by Magnolia Finishing Co. of Blacksburg, SC. After a wedding trip to Hilton Head, SC, and the Georgia Mountains, the couple lives in Shelby.

**D. Farrell Wease '81 B.S.** has been working as a child support agent for Burke County Department of Social Services since 1998. Farrell was the Cleveland County Sanitary District Commissioner from 1995 to 1999, chair of personnel committee and finance committee and treasurer. He was a member of the board of directors and treasurer for Gaston

## She Can Keep On Living

by William Rouse

As college sweethearts at Carson-Newman College, and then for 44 years thereafter, she was the love of my life. I continue to marvel that of all the men she could have had, I was the lucky choice. While her young heart had a tug for missions, I, along with three sons to follow, became her mission field.

A pretty, petite 97-pounder, Ann had many marvelous traits, but one stood head and shoulders above the rest: she simply knew how to love others better than any person I have ever known. For her God, for her family, for others ... you just couldn't "outlove" her. Love for a disadvantaged child, a stranger in the grocery store, a Sunday School class member, the friend that needed to confide without judgment – each of these were people who needed to know someone else's love. And from Ann they received it in abundance.

In late 1999 ovarian cancer took its ugly toll on Ann. The words that Dr. Ron Williams, a Gardner-Webb professor, spoke at her funeral still resonate: "If you noticed something about the life of Ann King Rouse that was different, it was because Jesus Christ lived within her."

The apostle Paul was right on target when he set the mark: "the greatest of these is love."

I knew from the time of her death that I must do something to perpetuate her life and her memory. However, the early weight of grief and loneliness made decision-making impossible. A year after her death the fog had lifted sufficiently enough to prod me to action. For some, the answer to a memorial gift comes in the form of a building, a room, a pew, a portrait, or another tangible gift. I commend these gift and the givers. However, in remembering Ann I could only visualize a living gift that would keep on giving.

We had long ago agreed that the surviving spouse would leave the remainder of our estate to our sons. How then to finance the memorial? Insurance proved to be the answer. I was surprised to find that a 69-year-old (myself) in good health could purchase a quarter-million-dollar term life policy for \$6,300 per year. With the source of funds determined, the next question was where, upon my death, the proceeds should be directed.

There are so many worthwhile charities



needed money. However, I knew many of the faculty and students from the Gardner-Webb School of Divinity from personal acquaintances and observation. This was a place that was preparing and changing lives ... who would, in turn, change many more lives. I knew this was a place where Ann's memorial gift could keep on living.

In working with David Webb, Gardner-Webb's director of major gifts and gift planning, we established the "Ann King Rouse Endowed Scholarship Fund." Gardner Webb is both the owner and beneficiary of a policy on my life. I simply make a tax deductible contribution to the university each year to pay the insurance premium. Upon my death, the GWU admissions and financial aid committee, with the assistance of the School of Divinity dean, will determine a needy student(s) to receive financial aid from this scholarship. With sound investment practice, money from this scholarship should benefit the education of generations of pastors, missionaries, music leaders, deacons and lay leaders. I do not think it a stretch of the imagination to believe that the memory of my wife will continue living indefinitely through these.

My only request was that each recipient of the scholarship be given a one-page sheet telling them a little about the lady in whose memory their financial aid was given and urging that they follow her example by "letting Jesus Christ live in them."

Do I have regrets? Yes, I do. At age 40 I could have purchased a \$1 million policy as a memorial gift to Gardner-Webb for about \$1,000 per year (less than \$750 after tax). But perhaps someone else reading this article will take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to make a memorial gift that keeps on living.

*(Editor's Note: David Webb can be reached in the Office of Major Gifts and Gift Planning by phone at 704-406-3975 or by e-mail at dwebb@gardner-webb.edu)*

Community Action.

**Lisa Ann Scronce '84 B.S.** has received national teacher certification and has received her master's degree. She is a teacher in the Burke County School System. She resides in Hildebran and can be reached at Lscronce@charger.net.

**C. Renee Watson '84** is currently working as media librarian at Central Carolina Community College. She resides in Sanford, NC.

**Dorothy Henson '85 M.A.** was elected treasurer of the Southern Piedmont Foreign Language Consortium during a meeting on the GWU campus on September 27, 2001.

**Kim Butler Yandle '86 B.A.** and her husband, Chip, are proud to announce the birth of Ellie Grace Yandle, born Sept. 24, 2001. Her siblings, Eason, 8, Elliot, 5, and Emma, 2, are "tickled pink" at her arrival. Chip operates a computer networking business. Kim stays at home with the children and home schools Eason and Elliot. Kim and Chip can be reached at kim@ycsins.com

**Sue Baldwin '87 M.A.** was named Rohan Primary School's Teacher of the Year in Richmond County, NC. Sue teaches the third grade and also serves as the grade-level chairperson of the School Improvement Team, a mentor to new teachers, and as testing coordinator.

**Tamara Nance '87 B.S.** and her husband, Van Nance, finalized the adoption for their son, Christopher Ryan, on Nov. 13, 2001. Christopher Ryan survived a complicated premature birth.

**Carolyn Quick '87 M.A.**, a kindergarten teacher in Rockingham, NC, was named Richmond Primary School's Teacher of the Year.

**Charles Thomas Freeman '89 B.A. '97 M.B.A.** and Tracy Diane Keller were wed on Sept. 15, 2001. Tracy is employed as a Head Start

teacher for Rutherford County Schools. Charles is currently enrolled in the educational specialist program at Converse College, and is employed as a career development teacher at Chase Middle School. They took a cruise to the Bahamas, then made their home in Bostic, NC.

**Anne Wells Wray '89 B.S. and Lowell William Sale '94 B.A.** were married on Saturday, October 27, 2001, at Central United Methodist Church in Shelby. Anne currently works at K.T. Isenhouser Construction Co. in Winston-Salem, while Lowell is employed by Brannock-Lynch Lumber Co. in Rural Hall. After a honeymoon to Isle of Palms, SC, the couple resides in Winston-Salem.

## The '90s

**Anna Christine Coley '90 B.A.** and her husband, Tim Coley announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Elizabeth, who was born November 2, 2001.

**Kimberly Jones Proctor '90 B.S.** was recognized as the 2001-2002 "Teacher of the Year" for Washington Elementary School in Shelby, NC. She has recently earned her purple belt at McIntosh Karate Studio, in Shelby, NC. She resides in Cherryville, NC, with her husband, Daniel, and their children, Zachray and Autumn. Please e-mail her at [kproctor@css.k12.nc.us](mailto:kproctor@css.k12.nc.us).

**Robert E. Armohr, Jr. '91 B.S.** was elected to the Burke County Board of Education for a second term on November 6, 2002.

**Lana Gayle Chambers '91 B.S.** and Stephen Wesley Smith were married on November 17, 2001. Lana works at Lowe's Companies Inc. as a merchandiser. They honeymooned in the Mayan Riviera and live in Statesville.

**Bradley S. Hincher '91 B.S.** **GOAL** and **Dannette C. Hincher '98 M.A.** announce the

birth of their daughter, Chloe Grace, who was born June 29, 2001. Bradley is a senior credit analyst for Lowes. Dannette is a teacher in the Wilkes County School System.

**Joyce G. Pearson '91 B.S.**, a professional realtor and graduate of the realtors institute, also obtained her broker's license and has become owner/partner in the Keller Williams Realty franchise. Joyce, along with her husband, recently built a new home in Hickory, NC. Their son, Lee Harris, is a student at Gardner-Webb pursuing his goal to become a minister.

**Brent Barbee '93 B.S.** is a member of the Sea-board Festival Day Committee and of Fellowship United Methodist Church. He is married to the former Marla Clarke.

**Kathy W. Harris '93 B.S.**, dean of Student Services for Montgomery Community College, was recently appointed to the Montgomery Fellows Scholarship Committee. Harris also serves on the Piedmont Triad Foundation board of directors, is a member of the Montgomery Economic Development Corp. Committee of 100, and is secretary of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

**Ashley Dixon '94 B.S., '97 M.A.** achieved national board certification in the area of early childhood generalist in November 2001. Ashley is currently teaching her eighth year with the Gaston County Schools System and resides in Crouse, NC.

**Inza Jones Downing '94 M.A.** and her husband, Chaplain Albert Downing, had their first book, "Launch Out on God's Word," published in February 2002. It is an inspirational book that encourages Christians to take God at his Word. The Chaplain and Mrs. Downing can be reached at [aldow@gisco.net](mailto:aldow@gisco.net)

**Lowell William Sale '94 B.A.** and **Anne Wells Wray '89 B.S.** were married on Saturday, October 27,

## Area Alumni Events Scheduled! The 2002 Alumni Event Tour

2001, at Central United Methodist Church in Shelby. Anne currently works at K.T. Isenhouser Construction Co. in Winston-Salem, while Lowell is employed by Brannock-Lynch Lumber Co. in Rural Hall. The couple resides in Winston-Salem.

**Andrea Johnson '95 B.A.** and Joe Johnson announce the birth of their son, James Daniel, born Nov. 28, 2001, and weighing 8 pounds. The Johnsons can be reached at: [doc\\_90@hotmail.com](mailto:doc_90@hotmail.com)

**Tammy Carpenter '96 M.B.A.** has been named the new facilitator for Leadership Rutherford. For several years, Tammy worked as human resources manager and manager of employment and development for Cone Mills Corporation in Rutherford County.

**Kristen Leigh Baylef '97 B.A.** has married. Her married name is Kristen Johnson. She and her husband reside in Columbia, MD.

**Larry Gardner '97 B.A.** was announced Cleveland County Schools Teacher of the Year. He teaches social studies at Burns High School and was chosen for the award by a committee of parents and educators. As the system's top teacher, he also received the Ben Craig Award for Outstanding Educators from First Union National Bank.

**Stephen Paul Gibson '97 B.S.** and Rachel Elaine Hoke were married on October 20, 2001. Stephen is employed by Merchants Metals of

In a previous issue of The Web, it was announced that several locations were being considered for area alumni events. We are pleased to inform you of the locations that have been scheduled.

They are:

- **North Carolina**
  - Greensboro**
  - Winston-Salem**
  - Asheville**

### • Florida

- Tampa**
- Orlando**
- Jacksonville**

We hope to announce the dates for these events in the next issue of The Web. If you would like to help us in the planning process of any of these events, please call us at (704) 406-3862. You can also get updates online at: [www.gardner-webb.edu/alumni/alumni.shtml](http://www.gardner-webb.edu/alumni/alumni.shtml)

Charlotte as the service center manager, while the bride is currently a certified dental assistant. The couple lives in Statesville after a trip to the Grand Cayman Islands.

**Andrea E. McEntire '97 B.S.** married Jay L. Webber on Saturday, September 29, 2001, at Mill Creek Church of the Brethren. Andrea is employed by Service Master Absolute Cleaning, and Jay owns Advanced Computer Solutions in Spartanburg. After a trip to Hawaii, the couple is living in Green Creek, NC.

**Shannon Kimberly Houser '98 B.S.** and Samuel Chad



## Well-Traveled Alum Has No Time For Retirement

### '58 Grad Talks of Presidents and Foreign Lands

**R. Elliott Churchill '58** has served on two presidential counsels, traveled in 79 countries, including Afghanistan, and taught thousands in public health advocacy while working with the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.

As senior communications officer for the Division of International Health, Churchill travels to teach training courses in areas of public health advocacy, excellence in science writing, and effective community relations. Tasks within her work have included setting up a government publications office in Russia for the Ministry of Health and setting up a publishing office.

Managing the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) publications office when her children began college, she wanted to get back to the teaching she enjoyed before beginning work at the CDC. The Center's need for someone to do international work was the perfect alternative. She has been eligible for retirement for three years with the CDC, but says she's enjoying her work too much to leave.

Under President Carter's administration, Churchill served on the domestic council for TV-Journalism standards. With the experience of working two years in 12 of the 15 republics of the former Soviet Union, she was chosen to serve as a consultant to both Carter and the Russian Minister for Information. They had established a commission to examine ethics in business practice as republics of the former Soviet Union were preparing to do radio, TV, and print business. "We have made a lot of progress in that area, although there are still controls and abuses that will take years to undo," she explained.

She was the international consultant on President Clinton's Council for Health. The council was established to create a reference document that has been used in Health and Human Services as a guideline for strategic planning in allocating health resources to programs at the state, local, and international levels.

During her international travels she has volunteered her time in refugee camps on occasion and was doing this kind of work in Afghanistan until nearly two years ago. When the events on September 11 happened she returned to the CDC in Atlanta for four weeks to volunteer in the emergency response center. Churchill had the privilege of training many who worked in the emergency response center prior to the terrorist attacks. At the end of those four weeks, she continued her original

schedule traveling in 16 countries on short-term consultancies.

Churchill received her A.A. degree in pre-engineering from Gardner-Webb and went on to obtain two master's degrees, one in technical communications, and one in language and literature. She taught at the University of North Carolina and later at the University of Kansas where she helped design a bachelors program in communications.

She is on staff at the Emory University School of Public Health, teaching public health advocacy in the Master's of Public Health degree program. Periodically, she teaches at the University of Chicago in the School of Management and the University of South Florida in the School of Public Health.

Leigh were married October 6, 2001, at Fallston Baptist Church. Shannon is employed by Miller, Sherrill, Blake, CPA, PA, in Lincolnton. Chad is employed by United Parcel Post in Shelby. After a trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple lives in Shelby.

**Jennifer Lynn Gold '99 BS** and William "Bill" Jackson Arey, Jr. were married September 22, 2001, at Central United Methodist Church in Shelby. The bride is employed by Cleveland Community College while the groom works for the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The couple makes their home in Shelby.

**Todd Lewis '99 BS** received the student award of the NC Child Welfare Education Collaborative (NC-CWEC) for the 2001-2002 academic year. Todd is currently studying to obtain his masters in the field of social work and was previously employed with Moore County DSS as a child welfare social worker.



*Under President Carter's administration, Churchill served on the domestic council for TV-Journalism standards.*

**Suzanne Marie Morris '99 B.S.** and Richard Lee Proctor were married on Sept. 22, 2001. Suzanne is a teacher for the visually-impaired for Rowan Salisbury Schools. Richard is stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg. The Proctors are living in Salisbury, N.C.

**Jason Neill '99 B.S.** served as a youth pastor at First Wesleyan Church in Lincolnton, N.C. from March through May 2001, while working at Dynamic Music. Currently he resides in Dallas, TX, and attends Dallas Theological Seminary to obtain his master of Theology degree. Jason can be reached at: [dsstudent@yahoo.com](mailto:dsstudent@yahoo.com)

**Brandi E. Tolbert '99 BS** was recently announced as the new judicial assistant and juvenile court coordinator hired by the Chief District Court Judge in Lenoir, NC. Brandi has worked with family services for the past five years.

**Terry Lynn Tunstill '99 M.B.A.** and Stuart Lawson Davis were married in November, 2001, at the

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Shuford House in Hickory, NC. Terry is employed by Mid Atlantic Wood Products. Stuart is employed by Presspart. The couple resides in Hickory.

## The '00s

**Carla David Freeman '00**  
**B.S.N. GOAL** is currently the Piedmont Carolinas Chapter President for the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses.

**Kristen Anne Harpe '00 BS** married Jayme Quinton Macemore on Oct. 6, 2001, at Bethel Baptist Church in Ronda, NC. Kristen is employed by Mitchell Community College as information systems instructor, while the groom is self-employed in the construction business. Following a wedding trip to Key West, FL, the couple is residing in Ronda.

**Jennifer Suzanne Jolly '00 A.A.** and Jeremy Scott Huskey were married December 8, 2001. Jennifer is employed as a registered nurse at Rutherford Hospital in labor/delivery. The couple took a honeymoon cruise and now make their home in Forest City.

**Arnette Kinion '00 B.S.** was recently sworn in as the newest adult probation/parole officer in Richmond County Superior Court. After completing a four-week training course at the North Carolina Justice Academy in Huntersville, she returned to begin her duties as a certified probation officer on September 21, 2001.

**Misty Lynette McKee '00 B.A.** and Jeremy Richardson were married November 10, 2001, at Woodlawn Baptist Church in

Charlotte, NC. Misty is a social worker with Gaston County Department of Social Services. Jeremy is employed with Delta Airport Consultants, Inc., as a civil engineer. Following a trip to Lake Tahoe, CA, they reside in Mount Holly, NC.

**John S. Sherrill '00 M.A.** became a nationally certified teacher in Physical Education in November 2001 and is now teaching for the Statesville Schools.

**Christina Leigh Bailey and Jeremy Lynn Sterling '01 B.S.** were married December 29, 2001, at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC. Christina is employed in the Emory Clinic Heart Risk Reduction and Cardiac Rehabilitation Program in Atlanta.

**Travis Conn '01 B.S.** is working as a salesman for Jostens Class Rings in Wilmington, NC. Travis played football for GWU and lettered 97-00. In 2000 he was the offensive captain.

**Sarah Elizabeth Houck '01 A.A.** married Jonathan Reed on December 1, 2001, in Morganton. Sarah is currently employed as a RN at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory. She remains a student at GWU in pursuit of her bachelor's degree in nursing.

**Ashley Brooke Houser '01 B.S.** and John Sumter Horton were married on December 22, 2002. Ashley is a teacher for the Rutherford County School System at Rutherfordton Elementary School. After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple live in Morganton.

**Raina A. King '01 B.S.** married Stephen David Lawson on Sept. 8, 2001. Raina has a degree in Criminal Justice. Stephen is a graduate of Surry Community College with an A.A.S. in drafting. He is employed by RJR Packaging. After their wedding trip to Gatlinburg, TN, they reside in Boonville, NC.

**Kiersten Nicole Ridings '01 A.A.** and Gary Lewis Webb were married Sept. 1, 2001. Kiersten is a registered nurse at

Cleveland Regional Medical Center. Gary is in management at Wal-Mart in Gaffney, SC.

**Erin Syfert '01 B.A.** is currently teaching in the English department at East Rutherford High School, NC.

**Hughey McManus '48** died October 24, 2001, at Valdese General Hospital. He was a retired Caldwell County school teacher and a retired Southern Baptist minister, as well as a U.S. Army veteran of WWII.

**Kyle Miles '37** died January 11, 2002, at Northeast Medical Center in Concord. He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, having served in Okinawa and the Aleutian Islands. He was a retired conductor for Southern Railways, for whom he worked 50 years. He was also retired from Charlotte Paint and Body Shop.

**William Albert Spangler '47** died May 12, 2001.

**Ruth Toms '35 A.A.** died October 15, 2001. She retired from Rutherford Hospital as an evening nursing supervisor with 35 years of service.

**Wayne Sullivan York '67** died September 23, 2001, at his home in Ellenboro, NC. He taught at Tri Community Elementary School and Chase High School where he was Assistant Principal.

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**Dorothy B. Austell, '41**, served in executive posts in administrations of North Carolina Governors Scott and Hodges. In 1956 she joined the Pilot Life Insurance Company, now Jefferson Pilot Financial. She was the first woman to lead a life insurance company in the USA and western countries. On November 21, 2000, the State of North Carolina presented her the highest honor a citizen can receive - "The Order of the Long Leaf Pine."



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**R. Leigh Ford, '73**, is currently the Assistant Vice President for First Union National Bank in Charlotte, North Carolina, in Automations and Operations Service Center Division - Integrated Support Services. Mr. Ford has received the First Union A & O Vision of Excellence Award, was named a Quarterly Winner in 1999 and selected as the 1999 Year End Award Winner from the group of Quarterly Winners. He and his wife, Melanie, reside in Charlotte.



**Patti Ellis McMurry, '99**, is currently the Director of Supportive Services for Hospice of Cleveland County. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in North Carolina and South Carolina. Mrs. McMurry is a member of the North Carolina Social Work Oncology Group and the North Carolina Association of Home Care Social Workers. She and her husband, Andrew, are the parents of three children, Patricia Joy, Paul Buford and Andrew Patrick.



**Michael D. Philbeck, '74**, has been the Mayor for the City of Shelby since 1995 and is affiliated with Philbeck Enterprises, Philbeck Properties, and is a real estate broker. He has served on the Board for the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Cleveland County and served three years as a board member for the Senior Center/Council on Aging. He is married to Patty Jay and they are the parents of four children, Janet Ritter, Jonathan, Joshua, and Jayson.



**Brad Smith, '88**, established his own Allstate Insurance Agency in September 1990 and is the Owner/President. He has been awarded the Academic All-American Award (during his senior year at GWU), Allstate Rookie of the Year Award (#1 out of all first-year agents in North Carolina in 1991) and the Allstate National Champion and Honor Ring Award (seven years). He and his wife, Yvette, have three children.



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